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TAGS: CVIS UR CGEN (SHRAER, ROZALIYA)

SUBJECT: EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION: ROZALIYA SHRAER

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1. ON NOV. 6, EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN VANIK
REQUESTING

EMBASSY SUPPORT APPLICATION FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION OF ROZALIYA
SHRAER, FIFTY-TWO YEAR OLD WIDOW THEN RESIDING IN L'VOV. LETTER WAS
WRITTEN AT BEHEST OF VANIK'S CONSTITUENT DORINA RABINOVITCH, 2816
MAYFIELD RD.; CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO, DAUGHTER OF SHRAER. LETTER
STATED

RABINOVITCH HAD DEPARTED USSR FOR US IN FEB., 1974, BUT SHRAER HAD
BEEN

PREVENTED FROM LEAVING WITH HER DUE TO OBJECTION OF HER SOVIET
EMPLOYER.

2. AFTER RECEIVING VANIK'S LETTER, EMBASSY TELEGRAPHED CHIEF OF L'VOV
OVIR REQUESTING EXIT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO SHRAER ON HUMANITARIAN
GROUNDS, CITING VANIK'S INTEREST IN CASE. ON DEC. 16, SHRAER CALLED
AT EMBASSY TO STATE HER APPLICATION HAD BEEN GRANTED. SHE SAID OVIR
SECRETARY HAD ALLUDED TO EMBASSY TELEGRAM, STATING IN PRESENCE
FO POLICE CAPTAIN THAT "THE CONSUL FRO MOSCOW HAS SENT A TELEGRAM

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AND YOUR PETITION WILL BE GRANTED". SHRAER ADDED THAT SHE HAD

FIRST APPLIED FOR EXIT PERMISSION ON SEPT. 10, THAT SHE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF FAVORABLE DECISION DEC. 1, AND THAT SHE BELIEVED THIS TO BE UNUSUALLY SHORT TIME FOR L'VOV OVIR TO GRANT APPLICATION. FYI: SHRAER ALSO ADVISED SHE HAD NOT MADE APPLICATION TO DEPART WITH DAUGHTER IN FEBRUARY DUE TO ILLNESS RATHER THAN EMPLOYER'S OBJECTION. END FYI.

3. CASE IS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT OVIR AUTHORITIES NEVER RESPOND DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS AND VERY RARELY INDICATE TO APPLICANTS THAT EMBASSY INTERVENTION PLAYED ANY ROLE WHATEVER IN DECISION TO GRANT EXIT PERMISSION APPLICATION. ALTHOUGH THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO ELDERLY WIDOW TO JOIN ONLY FAMILY ABROAD, ESPECIALLY IF ONLY ILLNESS PREVENTED HER EARLIER DEPARTURE, WOULD NOT SEEM DIFFICULT DECISION FOR OVIR, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO RECORD REPEATED REFUSALS OF SIMILAR APPLICANTS, AND IT IS POSSIBLE INTERVENTION BY EMBASSY WAS IN THIS CASE HELPFUL.

4. DEPT. MAY WISH INFORM CONGRESSMAN VANIK OF OUTCOME THIS CASE. FYI: HE HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATION PER REPLY TO HIS OCT. 24 LETTER.
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